

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 were pending and subject to a Restriction Requirement. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group 5 drawn to a method of diagnosing an oral systemic pathology in a subject using RNA profiling, with traverse, in order to advance prosecution. For the purposes of searching, Applicants elect quantitative PCR as the technique for detecting a transcriptome, cancer of the oral cavity as the disease state, and IL-8 as the biomarker. Applicants further request examination of further species upon allowance of a generic claim. Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-9 and 14-27, and request consideration and examination of claims 10-13 and new claim 28. Claims 10-13 and 28 read on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to present the non-elected claims in at least one subsequent continuing application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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